

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
DELEGATION ORDER NO. 0204-70
TO THE GENERAL COUNSEL

Pursuant to the authority vested in me as the Secretary of Energy and by Section 642 of the Department of Energy Organization Act (Pub. L. 95-91), there is hereby delegated on a nonexclusive basis to the General Counsel of the Department of Energy (DOE) the authority to take such action as is necessary and appropriate to perform the following functions:

1. Sign, issue and serve subpoenas; administer oaths and affirmations; take sworn testimony; control dissemination of any record of such testimony; compel attendance of and sequester witnesses; subpoena and reproduce books, papers, correspondence, memoranda, contracts, agreements, or other relevant records or tangible evidence including, but not limited to, information retained in computerized or other automated systems;
2. Issue Special Report Orders requiring persons subject to the jurisdiction of the Economic Regulatory Administration to file special reports, including but not limited to written answers to specific questions.

The authority hereby delegated to the General Counsel of DOE may be delegated further, in whole or in part, as the General Counsel may determine to be appropriate.

In exercising the authority delegated by this Order, or as redelegated pursuant thereto, the delegate(s) shall be governed by the rules and regulations of DOE and the policies and procedures prescribed by the Secretary or his delegates.

Nothing in this Order shall preclude the Secretary from exercising any of the authority so delegated whenever in his judgment his exercise of such authority is necessary or appropriate to administer the functions vested in him.

All actions pursuant to any authority delegated prior to this Order or pursuant to any authority delegated by this Order taken prior to and in effect on the date of this Order are hereby confirmed and ratified, and shall remain in full force and effect as if taken under this Order, unless or until rescinded, amended or superseded.

This Order is effective January 24, 1980.

_____/s/
Charles W. Duncan, Jr.
Secretary of Energy